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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission (UGC) has revised/proposes to revise its rules on twinning arrangement of foreign educational institutions/universities with their Indian counterparts;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to bring in transparency and simplification in this regard; and
(d) whether it is also a fact that Government has announced a scheme for State universities for which professors from universities abroad will be invited to spend a year to help them improve curriculum pedagogy and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)
(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified the UGC (Promotion and Maintenance of Standards of Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2016 with a view to increasing synergy between Indian and foreign academic institutions, to offer students additional choices, improve curriculum and the delivery of knowledge and educational content. The regulations are in supersession of UGC(Promotion and Maintenance of Standards of Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012.
As per the new regulations, Indian Universities and Colleges, having the highest grade of accreditation/ threshold accreditation, will now be able to apply online to the University Grants Commission (UGC) for starting twinning arrangement with quality Foreign Educational Institutions (FEIs) in undergraduate and postgraduate programmes leading to the award of a degree. The degree will be awarded by the Indian Educational Institutions (IEIs) alone; joint degrees are not permitted. The regulations provide for time-bound processing of the online applications by the UGC. The regulations are available at www.egazette.nic.in / www.ugc.ac.in .
(d): It has been announced on 3rd June, 2016 by the Government that the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) will provide support for engagement of academics from leading foreign Universities with State Universities for curriculum and pedagogical reforms.
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